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AMEMBASSY PRAGUE PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: SREF,UNHCR,CY,CZ (RAVEL, BILEK)

SUBJECT: CZECH ASYLUM SEEKER

REF: NICOSIA 2650

1. PRELIMINARY NAMECHECKS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY DEPT.
WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.
2. REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO U.S. MISSION GENEVA.
3. AS A SIGNATORY TO THE CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES, CYPRUS HAS CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL TREATY OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF REFUGEES INCLUDING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE EXPULSION OF A REFUGEE TO A COUNTRY WHERE HIS LIFE OR FREEDOM IS THREATENED DUE TO PERSECUTION BASED ON RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, MEMBERSHIP OF A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP, OR POLITICAL OPINION.

4. IF EMB BELIEVES INADEQUATE GOC MACHINERY EXISTS TO
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INSURE SATISFACTORY PROTECTION OF SUBJECT'S SAFETY AND

RIGHTS, DEPT. RECOMMENDS THAT RAVEL BE PLACED IN UNHCR REFUGEE CHANNELS. UNHCR CAN INTERVENE WITH GOC ON

RAVEL'S BEHALF AND SEEK GUARANTEES AGAINST FORCIBLE REPATRIATION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. LOCAL UNHCR REP SHOULD BE ADVISED OF CASE AND UNLESS EMB PERCEIVES THAT SUBJECT IS, IN FACT, IN IMMINENT DANGER, RAVEL SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO UNHCR REP ASAP AND SHOULD NOT REMAIN IN EMBASSY LONGER THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

5. AS A CZECH NATIONAL, (IF RESULTS OF NAMECHECK ARE NEGATIVE) RAVEL APPEARS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY INTO U.S. UNDER SECTION 203(A)(7) OF THE INA. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, HAVE TO PROCEED TO A POST IN WESTERN EUROPE WHERE INS PROCESSES CONDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS ROME, ATHENS, VIENNA, FRANKFURT, PARIS, AND BRUSSELS. IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT ANY ONWARD REFERRAL DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED.

6. UNHCR CAN BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN ARRANGING THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT, WHICH INCLUDES POSSIBILITY OF CONDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATION. UNHCR CAN ALSO BE HELPFUL IN MAKING NECESSARY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH RESETTLEMENT AND IF NECESSARY IN OBTAINING INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

7. PLS KEEP DEPT. INFORMED OF STATUS OF CASE. ROBINSON

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